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Choice Poetry.

PEACE AND WAR.

FROM DICKENS'S "DOMBEDEE AND SON."

Said War, "I pray thee my playthings are:—
Now warriors glittering in the van
They're all unconscious, moved by me,
The president, the lawgiver—any man
At my beck or nod they rush to death;
Rouse—cry with hostile tones of prayer—
To the cannon's mouth. But, then, where
I strew his or lance!, by way of decay."

Said Peace, "I pray thee my playthings are;
See harvests ripening under the sun;
Let to the shuttle's whirr. With me
The weaver's happy ballet is won,
Cheered by not they toil till death.
While trade and commerce their loom weave;
The earth is not changed with their parting breath,
And I smooth their pillow as they take leave."

Said War, "I pray thee my triumphs see on—
See now how nobly my chosen fall!
Lo! to the cannon's roar, and their glow,
Where the enemy's blood lies warmest there all
The warrior's bead is upturned to the stars:
The warrior's glance low—cast in the face,
But a halo of glory fits round his scars,
And with the blood of the enemies shall he cursed
rest."

Said Peace, "I pray thee my triumphs see on—
See cities rising up the cottager's wall,
The children carol round the father's knee,
The soft-wheel turns to grind food for all.
Farther the frontier-round the pine trees need,
When Death, the stern angel, leads him away;
I call blessings down on the reaper's head,
And point to the flowers of the bright May-day."

Said War: "My triumphs are won with blood,
The ground is red best with which verse can
trouble!"
Said Peace, "I triumph in yielding food
To the human race, whose wants are such rabid!"
Said War, "I am unmoved by every land,
My trophies lookest every second dance!"
Said Peace, "Mine are raised by the small white
grave
Of Truth—and I'm interred in every home."

Original Novelet.

VIRGINIA AND MAGDALENE;
OR,
THE FOSTER SISTERS.
A WINTER EVENING'S STORY.
(CONTINUED.)

PUBLISHED FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST,
BY EMMA D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH,
AUTHOR OF "THE DESERTED WIFE," "HAUNTED," "THE CURSE OF CLIFTON," &c., &c., &c.

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CHAPTER XV.

JOSEPH CAREY'S BEHEST.

To wed the earliest Lord—
She whom a longing childhood and ripe youth
Has scarce quite satisfied, whose every thought
Yours grew enamored, and who at last doth yield
Her maiden coyness, and in nuptial bond
Will link herself unto the one she loves.
Bind ye together—on the contentment bind
Either be known to other.—*Alford.*

When Judge Washington read that portion of Theodore Harvey's letter, which referred to his son and utterly fatal illness of Magdalene to the shock sustained by her on hearing of the attack, made upon Lord Cinlo's life, his suspicions as to the real state of affairs between them were, for the first time, excited. When he placed the letter in Lord Cliffe's hands, and called his attention to the paragraph in greeting, watching him, and observing the emotions that passed over his face as he distrust was increased; when Lord Cliffe returned him the letter, without one word of comment, and rising to leave, suddenly left the room, his doubts were greatly augmented. Finally, when late in the afternoon he received his last ship's note, respectfully withdrawing his suit to Miss Washington, and taking leave of the family for the present, his doubts were fully confirmed in his mind made up, and his own course of action decided upon.

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But immediately Virginia recurred to charge all their plans for the present, for no sooner had Judge Washington, after leaving the hall, closed the door behind him, and advanced into the street, than he met Aidan Hawk coming to the house. Aidan Hawk "all shoes and shoes," and wearing a look of serious solicitude on his countenance. No sooner had Judge Washington caught sight of the vast countenance of Aidan's man, newly shaven, neatly dressed, leaning lightly upon his staff, and wearing that look of triumph, than the whole truth of Aidan's mission to town flashed upon the Judge's mind.

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Oh, Magdalene, if the gift of that heart could only give you peace—if its consolation could purchase happiness for you!"

Magdalene did not reply in words, but pressed his hands again, and looked at him with eyes full of grateful love.

At that hold moment the noise of some one approaching the door caused Theodore to retreat to his seat. It was a servant, with clothes in the room, and placed a card in Mr. Hervey's hand. Theodore looked at it and changed color. Magdalene turned her eye on him with an expression of inquiry.

"A visitor, my dear Magdalene, whom I must see—that is all," he replied, and, rising, took her hand, pressed it, dropped it again, and left the room to go to his visitor in the parlor.

When Theodore Hervey entered the parlor, he immediately recognized the tall and distinguished, but striking figure of Frederick Lord Cliffe, as it met him as Lord Cliffe. He instantly and carefully offered his hand, shook hands with his lordship, and requested him to resume his seat, taking a chair at the same time himself. Then the supposed duel, the meeting at morning with Lord Cliffe, hoped that he was well, and that he had left the Washingtons in good health. Lord Cliffe was unfortunately not in good health, in excellent health, and that he, himself, had quite recovered from the effects of his trifling wound. He, accordingly, then threw upon that dark subject Theodore resumed to inquire. There had not—the door behind him, and advanced into the street, than he met Aidan Hawk coming to the house. Aidan Hawk "all shoes and shoes," and wearing a look of serious solicitude on his countenance. No sooner had Judge Washington caught sight of the vast countenance of Aidan's man, newly shaven, neatly dressed, leaning lightly upon his staff, and wearing that look of triumph, than the whole truth of Aidan's mission to town flashed upon the Judge's mind.

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"As—in what manner, sir?—may I be permitted to ask?"

"I must resort to the subject of General Montjoy's death. By his last will and testament he acknowledged Magdalene Montjoy as his grand-daughter—the legitimate daughter of his son Theodore Harvey—and left with the surprise of a few trifling legacies to his sister and nieces, the Swans, he has left her the whole of his great income, comprising three of the most valuable plantations Virginia. He appointed Judge Washington and myself executors of his will, and in that character, Judge Washington being otherwise engaged—I have come to Boston to look into the condition of affairs, and to see Magdalene. Theodore Hervey heard this at first with great surprise, and then his countenance became ever with a look of intense delight. He appeared to speak and seemed waiting for a comment, he observed abstractedly.

"I see, that was but just—I am glad for his sake that he did it. Yet if he had died intestate, the same property would have been inherited by Magdalene, his legal heiress, because the marriage of Victor Montjoy and Margaret Hawk was a fact that could be well proved, while there was no proof of General Montjoy ever having made the *legal* decree that would at any time convince to the majority of the parties here established the marriage. The silence of the parent had been for the best purposes, and of which the lasts up to the time of the majority of the parties the marriage is fully heralded."

"Yes, sir," said Lord Cliffe, and then very cautious to hear of Magdalene, he inquired—

"Where is the young lady now, and what is the present state of her health—does her health has suffered cruelly, as I wrote Judge Washington, from the deep devotion of Theodore Harvey to her service. While she would be thus wrapped in words, hour after hour, would be so patiently by her bedside, waiting until she noticed him, or anticipating her wants before she had expressed them. Lord Cliffe had been informed that much her life was owing to the constant vigilance, the unremitting care to keep her from all that might be fatal. No, sir, I think that her state does not admit the visit of one who sees, and by which must recall to her mind painful reminiscences as yourself."

Lord Cliffe looked fixedly on the face of Mr. Hervey, but reading there nothing new or strange, he said—

"What do you mean by those expressions, Mr. Hervey?"

"Yes cannot, I pon, as I suppose, have been made acquainted with the contents of my letter, you cannot be at a loss to know that it was the report of your death that nearly killed Miss Montjoy—should you not reasonably suppose that the sight of you would agitate her greatly, in her weak state *fatally*?"

"Magdalene was not wont to be so weak?" said Lord Cliffe, with a spasm of remorse griping his heart.

"He—and yet she was very much attached to Virginia. Yes even on the eve of marriage with Miss Washington, and reported to have been married—I do not know that any great weakness was betrayed in this acute sympathy with what she supposed was the last moments of agonies."

"Did Magdalene believe me to be on the eve of marriage?" asked Lord Cliffe, with a strange blending of pain, regret, and doubt in the expression of his fine countenance.

"I take it for granted that she did."

"Yet you do not know—in fact—never heard her allude to this reported marriage?"

"Not a word, sir, that I can recall to mind that she knew all about it—the projected marriage was the subject of common rumor."

"Common rumor is proverbially mendacious—particularly so in this instance."

"Sir?"

I was not on the eve of marriage with Miss Washington—I am not engaged to that young lady, and have no intention of ever being so."

"You surprise me, sir?"

"So I judge. But to change the subject—I have not yet seen Magdalene—I will see her."

Lord Cliffe, I regret very much the necessity of repeating that it is not possible. Miss Montjoy's state is too critical to permit the least chance of excitement—the least surprise might be fatal."

"I swear, sir!"

"In that state of affairs I must request a favor of you—that is, gradually and cautiously to prepare Magdalene for my visit—for, as soon as a due regard for her health will allow, I must have an interview with her. Come, sir, when shall I see you?"

"I fear that several days—perhaps weeks, must elapse, sir," replied Lord Cliffe, greatly to every moment he was more displeased with the department of his visitor.

"I cannot wait so long!—that will not do—that can scarcely be necessary. Who is Magdalene's physician?"

"The medical attendant of *Miss Montjoy*," said Theodore, emphatically, and by his most respectful manner of naming that lady, rebuked Lord Cliffe's familiar mode of designating her, "the medical attendant of *Miss Montjoy*—is Doctor Warren."

"His address?" demanded his lordship, curtly.

"No. 2 Washington Street."

"I shall see him immediately upon this subject," said Lord Cliffe, rising, and reaching for his hat to go.

"One moment, my lord!" said Theodore Hervey, rising, impatiently, laying his hand upon Lord Cliffe's arm, and arresting his steps. "One moment!" and throwing his hand to his lover, he seized an instant, in deep, but rapid thought, on his utter fear of the "electric chain" of memory and of circumstances, that might lead to the discovery of some painful possibilities—he strange anguish—the grief! yes, much too great to be concealed—that he—the old friend—the sacred *betrothed* of a friend!—and then *his* fanaticism, and sometimes authoritative manner—"Lord Cliffe, you cannot be ignorant that the next thought was overwhelming—he turned sick and faint, reeled, held on to the back of the chair for support, while Lord Cliffe gazed at him in surprise and perplexity. "Pardon, my lord!" said Theodore, recovering himself—"ill—down! I myself can scarcely stand."

Lord Cliffe resumed his seat, and Theodore sank into a chair.

"Well, Mr. Hervey!" said Lord Cliffe, to recall him to himself.

"Well, sir!"

"You detained me!—for some purpose, I presume!"

"You!" said Theodore, and again dropped his head upon his hands—but then quickly arousing himself with an effort, he proceeded to say—"Lord Cliffe, you are going to consult Doctor Warren, and it is likely that he will tell you that an interview with a casual visitor, on many business, may not be dangerous to Miss Montjoy's security, and therefore to her life. But you can judge for yourself, whether you are nothing more than a casual visitor, after your letter, and your interview with her will be likely to disturb her quiet—to hurt her. He paused, in some embarrassment.

"To what does all this tend, Mr. Hervey?" inquired his lordship.

"Sir, I do not know what your relations with Miss Montjoy have been, may be now, or are about to be—but this I do know—that if by your mutual experience there is any exciting circumstance—any unexpected meeting—any sudden intercourse with her—that interview would inevitably be fatal to her," and so, in his deep anxiety, Theodore truly believed. "You know best now, whether, even with the doctor's permission, you can visit Miss Montjoy or not"

Lord Cliffe remained quiet, and in profound thought for some time. Then he arose, and slowly and thoughtfully paced up and down the room. Finally, he resumed his seat, and said, earnestly—

"I must see Magdalene! To be within a few feet of her, and not to see her, is intolerable! I *must see* Magdalene! I must be introduced into her chamber while she sleeps, that I may gaze on her as! Do you hear me, Mr. Hervey?"

"I hear you, sir!"

"Yet you say nothing in assent! I tell you that I *must* and *will* see Magdalene!—do you mark?"

"Forgive me, Lord Cliffe, it, as Miss Montjoy's oldest friend, I inquire by what right you claim this privilege?"

"I might, perhaps, merely cite a precedent in Magdalene herself—but I will not—I have passed hours in watching by the sick bed of Magdalene! I might go further, and demand upon what pretext you claimed the privilege of attending upon her."

"And I should reply, my lord," said Theodore, in a dark flush rose to his brow—"I should reply—by the sacred privilege of old friendship, and of my bodily claim!"

"Oh! your holy claim!" interrupted Lord Cliffe with a fine that rude sarcasm he had ever indulged.

"Yes, sir! my holy claim! however unworthy the present weaver may be—is a passport to the chamber of Magdalene, whose brother-in-law designs demand sympathy and relief. A minister's duty, sanctified by the holiest of offices, is another step towards the door, he rushed and fell!—

Lord Cliffe sprang to him, raised him, bore him back to the sofa, laid him there, and rang the bell for assistance.

Theodore Hervey was confined to his bed by extreme illness for a week. In the meantime, Lord Cliffe had conferred with the physician—telling him only so much of the story as he deemed strictly necessary—much less than he had imparted to Theodore Hervey—and claimed the right of entrance into the sick chamber. It was the afternoon of the same day, while Magdalene was sleeping, that he was admitted to see her

the child must have been stolen, caused now to be the subject of every one.

"Oh! I feel sure it is those that she is fond," were almost the first words of John Wesley, on recovering from his delirium; "but that cannot—that—they will not—will not—"

Then he fell asleep, and awoke with the pain of his injuries, remembering the last child, and shuddering to say to any one who entered the room, "Have you found it?"

Still the search went on, and many hours, many days elapsed. Then, when the search was at its most intense, when the whole country was up and every outlet of the immediate district was known, watched, and guarded, and the child was not found, despair set in. Then it was that Miss Ellen!

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Reports of Horses, the Count of the Foreign Periodicals, Engravings, Congressional Reports, General News, Wit and Humor, &c., &c., shall be given as of old.

FORREST DIVORCE CASE.

The injunction against Mr. Forrest has been dissolved by Judge Ludlow, of New York, so far as it restrains him from molesting his wife on the good ground for apprehending molestation being shown; but also so far as it forbids him from disposing of his property, because he has not abandoned her without adequate support, and there is no reason to apprehend that he will dispose of his property, so as to avoid the jurisdiction of the Court.

But the injunction is retained so far as it restrains the Booth Theatre, which he has sold in Pennsylvania because the defendant has not legally changed his residence from New York to Pennsylvania, and the purchase of the theatre by parties not legally domiciled in New York, to subject him still to a foreign jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining a divorce.

The suit having, however, been improperly commenced in a wife against her husband, without suing by a next friend, the injunction will be wholly dissolved, unless she amend, in this respect, within ten days.

THE KENT MASSACRE.

A man named Drummond is stated (we know not how truly) to have confessed his knowledge of the murderers of the Cowden family in Kent County, Md. He has implicated five others, Murphy, Sheehy, Ford, Sills and Taylor—all of whom have been arrested except Sheehy. Suspicion was awakened against Drummond, by his suddenly leaving the neighborhood on the supposed cause; he alleges that the Governor had used the murder, and knew of the murderers, to get rid of Mrs. Cowden, who has no doubt long rested under the suspicion of having been the instigator of this dreadful tragedy, seems to be in no manner implicated by the confession of Drummond, who intimates that if some of the Cowden family are not in the case of the murderers, it was their intention to have followed up the work of plunder and blood, and that other families would have been massacred the same night.

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By the arrival of the Prometheus at York, with dates from San Francisco to the 16th, being two weeks later news. The Presidential campaign is now in full blast, and a considerable amount in the hands of the passengers. The amount of gold at Chagres when the steamer left was $2,000,000.

The fare from San Francisco to Sacramento and Stockton, at last dates was *one dollar.* A year ago it was *fifty dollars.*

Lynch Law appears in general in California. Two men have been hung during the month of May, Baxter, of Maine, and Charles Stanmore, of Massachusetts, for the murder of Mr. Appleton, of Contra Costa Shore, on the 6th ultimo, for horse stealing.

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Gold is coming high, and strenuous efforts are being made by both the Whigs and Democrats to secure the State at the next election. A great meeting had been held at Sacramento by the Democrats, at which Gen. Sumner was put forth as the choice of Colonel Baker. Resolutions were also passed in favor of the re-election of Mr. Lincoln, and the election of Mr. Gwyer, representing the district in the House of Representatives, Colonel Baker and others, on the Compromise, and expressing confidence in the patriotism and loyalty of the party of President Fillmore.

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAWS.—The Hon. Judge Lane, of Ohio, in a recent letter, says with reference to unconstitutional laws:

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GRAY FESTIVAL.—The Clay Festival, in New York, is keeping up the seventy-fifth birthday of the "Sage of Ashland," was a brilliant affair. Letters from distinguished public men were read, and speeches were made, among which latter was one by Joseph L. White, Esq., of Ohio, who, it was announced, was the choice of the Union Safety Committee of New York as a candidate for Governor, but declined positively, and discovered for the friends of Mr. Clay in that city any fealty to its organization or its schemes."

WEBSTER AT BOSTON.—Mr. Webster was received in Boston by a number of citizens of Boston, to address the public at Faneuil Hall. Application being made for the use of the "Cradle," the mayor and Aldermen declined to grant it, on the recent action of the Board upon other similar applications from the Hall Committee. As the present excited state of the public mind, it is inexpedient to grant the use of the Hall." This action has caused a great excitement. The Board which practically refused to join with the other branch of Councils, in inviting President Fillmore to occupy the city Hall.

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Selected Poetry.

FROM THE WOMEN'S JOURNAL AND TIMES-HERALD.

ANGEL CHARLEY.

BY MRS. EMILY C. JUDSON.

He came—a beautiful child—
Two winsome blue eyes looked out of his clear, white face;
His thoughts were deep and wise;
They mirrored Heaven and God.
And in his fragile form
Had tender hearts room enough
For every human thing that lived.
He came—a beautiful child—
And in the love of his mother,
Was folded close to her heart.
He lived—but to the Shadow
In youth drew up,
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Back to its tabernacle let us,
And patient from mortal's pain thankful,
Bow to the Eternal's decree.

My bosom, ne'! the sweetness
The angel of God must be!
My boy, when it comes to thee,
My slumbering child to attend;
When music floats on the air,
When not his mouth may be heard,
And whisper gentle greetings,
Oh, tell me, it is thee!

My home, by one sweet token,
My Charley is not dead;
One golden clue is left me,
As on his track he sped;
Warm be some gem or blossom,
But fashioned for today,
My love would wisely perish
With his fond, my clay.

Oh, by this desolate yearning,
Which is not silly grief,
By the deep fountain of affection,
Which is not weakness,
My mute feels to Heaven:
By dreams that throng my night sleep,
By visions of the day,
By whispers when I'm strong,
By presence when I pray,

I know this tie so cherished,
Which among Lonesome my heart,
Which friend of my own love,
So beautiful a one;
This presence, Supreme creature,
My unfledged, careless dove,
Like not a straight's pulse,
And watches keep of love.

Oh, I would not recall thee,
Thou gem-decked star of bliss!
Thou dearest not art heaven.
Rose bud of life and joy!
Here dash I down the tear-drops,
Still pressed to my spirit;
Hence—I have thee—in—adding
In a cowgirl to class.

Mechanic, Oct. 14, 1893.

Selected Articles.

THE INJUSTICE OF HISTORY.

The uncertainties of History are not greater than its Injustice. Says the Cardinal de Retz: "One might not in vanity of bitterness, who treat of matters with which they have not had to do, conclude, or often, when it is impossible to see into the keys that are in the locks, and to be in the table Bowles, in an infinity of occasions, more appearances, sometimes false in every circumstance, for the truth." There is good sense and sound philosophy in the observation, and the reflection has frequently occurred to me.

CROMWELL.

Among the great men of modern times, no one stands out more conspicuously, or has left a deeper impress on the age, than Oliver Cromwell. To his genius in England indebted not only for a great part of its liberty, but for the form of half her greatness as a nation. It was made by through his boldness, and energy, and perseverance, that the principles of the reformation were made subordinate to the rights of the people; by his wisdom and forethought that the toleration of that policy were laid, which made her the refuge of the wise and the artizan of enterprise. Yet, with all these, his character is misunderstood by many, and to what base and sordid motives attributed by not a few, the actions of his great career! The part of his conduct has been known only as a tyrant, or ranked as a hypocrite—his deeds denied the merit of patriotism, and his whole career seen as a bloody romper, in the sands of King glad relics. It is but recently that history has been into the hands of the people; but it is to be hoped. The collection of his Letters and Speeches, by Thomas Carlyle, was the first attempt by England towards removing the prejudices, and correcting the errors and falsehoods of popular tradition, and these herself hortionally fostered, with rank exact precision, that the top of the pole entered the socket of her iron cone, and the whole of them were placed in the bag; this was repeated at least half a dozen times. No one was allowed to come near him while this interesting juggle was performed. A great-looking Hindoo then stepped forward and declared he would swallow a snake; tapping a bag, he produced a Cobra di Capello, not less than five feet long, and as big as my infant's wrist. He stood apart, at some distance from us, and, like his predecessors, would not allow any one to approach him, for the fear of the possibility of a juggler substituted. He then, as it appeared to me, opened the bag, and pushing the head of the snake, gradually lowered it into his stomach, until nothing but the head appeared to project between his lips, when, with a sudden effort, he seemed to complete the disappearing of the reptile, and to close the mouth, as if the reptile with-in his body. After the exploration of a few minutes, he shook his head, and gradually drew forth the snake, which he replaced in the bag.

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Under this head, we find in the New England Farmer a communication in which the writer takes strong ground against the very prevalent fashion of painting houses white, on sanitary and moral distinct, and advocates for that use "the softened shades of color." He gives the following reasons for his opinion, viz.:

"Firstly—*Pure white* will not harmonize with the surrounding nature at all, except in infinitely small portions.

"Secondly—When approaching a situation, from which a good view of the house is to be had, the observer is deprived of surrounding field and forest scenery, and consequently the principal arrangement of the whole grand picture, particularly on a bright summer's day.

"Thirdly—Pure white, viewing the scene from a distance, the eye is irresistibly drawn to the house, and cannot be diverted from it, and the consequence is that it is a great task on the fair face of nature; consequently it does not give us that satisfaction that it otherwise would, and the dazzling object suffered down to some quiet shade or color.

"Again, if white is so beautiful, would not nature (where we are to look for perfection,) have used it with a more lavish hand? Certainly. But in fact of white, what do we find? Soft shades of color—the earth is *brown and green*, the trees and grass is *green*—the sky is *blue*, the *red and green*—the sky is *blue*, we adore sapphires, emeralds, rubies, amethysts, topaz, and the whole dressy suite of stone in winter.

"It is true one shade or color will not answer universally for all objects, as the size of the house is small, or in all situations; but as a *general rule*, actors in colors give us the following; the small-sized house or the one more in keeping with the greenery of foliage and flowers,—the lighter shades of coloring should be used; but in proportion as it rises in dignity or importance, or the most exposed by the barrenness of the site, the deeper and more dignified the color should be.

In support of the foregoing, he also cites *A. J. Downing* and Countess Paul Potter, both gentlemen of acknowledged taste in such matters.

ARCHCITY OF THE MEDICAL WAR.—Lieut. Reeston was in command of one six pounder gun at the battle of Bull Run, and when his men was surrounded by the enemy at (we believe,) a piece called Los Angeles, the first fire, says the Lieutenant, disconcerted three of the enemy's guns. The Mexicans appeared to be much disconcerted at this casualty. After firing several rounds from our six pounder, we found ourselves short of wad. An English sailor, who had deserted from an English ship and entered himself on board our vessel, had the rammer, and worked himself into such a state of excitement, that first he tore up his jacket and wound the shreds into wads, then his pantaloons, then his shirt. Then he stood at the gun to a state of pure nature, and with excitement. The man at the touch-hold could not fire the gun from immoderate laughter, caused by the grotesque figure of his comrade; then our naked friend exclaimed, "Fire and be blessed to you, you murdering Mexicans, it'll make you laugh t'other side of your teeth."

Wit and Humor.

NEHEMIAH FLUFKIN'S VISIT TO THE CITY OF NOTIONS.

Nehemiah Flufkin was one of those unbelievable specimens of the green horse, that occasionally confound the town-bred conceited by coming out of the ground in the form of a cabbage, and is born here with all the elements of greenness in full luxuriancy. Spite of his awful greenness, Flufkin was not a bad-natured chap, anxious to feel and please everybody. He was, in fact, a little too much so. "Be sociable," was the motto of his life, and he carried it out to the "climax of Carnival." At old school, when I" said he, pointed, you, "I studied Latin, and I always thought that meant that they hadn't any of that particular kind of coffee."—*Boston Ada.*

For the Young.

NATIVE SOIL.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN, BY MRS. ED. SIGOURNEY.

A youth was educated in the distant countries on his native land, in company with his friend and teacher. And with him were two comrades, who had accompanied him thither. The youth had been three years in foreign lands, and with joyful looks, he walked toward towards his native land. For he had been invited to return to his home with him.

Then the teacher, a noble, enraptured in him soul, rose the mountains which bordered the valley of his youth. Then his knees trembled, his pulse beat quicker, and his senses failed him, and he sank down almost his lips, and a tear ran down over his cheek.

Silent, and lost in deep thought, he suffered the past and the present spirit of his youth, rose before his soul. His hands were folded, as if in prayer, his glances rested upon the time when he left his native land, and his thoughts flew through the dark shadows of the wood, through which he had passed.

At last the sun began to sink, the road wound its way up a height, and behold! at once the whole valley lay before him, with the spire of the village where he was born, with the rippling flood that passed by his father's cottage.

And suddenly, the evening bell began to ring, like a voice calling to him from the village. And he sank upon his knees, and kissed the ground, and he cast himself upon the ground, and wept with loud sobs.

Hereupon his companions said one to another, "Behold our friend has become a child again."

And they laughed in secret with each other and mocked him.

Then the youth's teacher stepped to them, and said, "Wherefore do you turn your minds to mockery, and elsewhere do you laugh and jeer at feelings so sacred? Wherefore do you not reverence the mighty language of the heart and its powerful voice?"

And the two replied—"Why should we not laugh? He embraces the earth as if it were a living thing, and kisses the cold stone as if it had a heart."

But the teacher rebuked them severely, and said—"Oh, ye fools, and slothful of heart! Is then the life of the spirit a mystery hidden from you? Behold the ground which our friend embraces is sacred thing to him. It is the sacred and innocent youth hath consecrated it with a thousand dreams, and upon the stones which he names he sat as a child and played as a boy. Why should he not then wet it with his tears? In this earth were born, with the pulses of the feelings of life and hope. Why should he not then open his arms to clasp his native soil to his heart?"

Then the youth rose, and his face shone. As if from an unseen hovering glory, he stood above the height, and kneeled along the green paths towards his father's house.—*N. Y. Organ.*

I GOT A-GOING AND COULDN'T STOP.

A little boy, named Frank, was standing in the yard, when his father called him:

"Frank!"

"Sir?" said Frank, and started full speed and ran into the house.

His father called him back, and asked him if he did not hear him first call.

"I, yes, sir," answered Frank.

"Well, then," said his father, "what made you run into the street?"

"Why, sir, you first yell out right and with me," said the officer, with an air of decision that staggered Nehemiah.

When the latter answered Flufkin—"

"Smoking in the street,"

"That's it!" continued his persecutor, as though he had made a discovery.

"What's it?" asked Nehemiah.

"Why, you are the fellow the police are after."

"What are they after?"

"For slipping away without paying your hotel money."

"Well, look a'here, mister, it's pretty expensive down there, I'll have to say; but there's no counters, will that fit it?"

"Yes, that is all right—you are free now to look about the town," said the other, walking away with a supposed cheerful.

"Hi, there, you fellow, you!" only to think of the perfect after me! Well, that one so-called

THE PUMMELLING HAMMER.

A valuable medical work recently published in London, by Richard Reese, which has not yet, however, been reprinted in the United States, furnishes the following singular article. The pummeling hammer must operate somewhat on the principle of a beetle.

"This simple instrument was invented by the late Admiral Elphinstone, and is used in parts of the body affected with rheumatism or subject to gout, inflammation, and for invigorating absorbent vessels, and the whole muscular and nervous structure, in which it is desirable to bring the circulation of the blood into full action, by striking and occasionally pummeling different parts of the body which are subject to gouty and rheumatic attacks. Admiral Elphinstone had for many years been a martyr to rheumatic gout—succeeded in not only curing it, but by perseverance in the use of the pummeling hammer, he subdued the disease, and was enabled to undertake and succeeded in diminishing the sensibility or excitability of the nerves, and consequently the irritation or pulsate, so as to render them insusceptible of gouty or rheumatic action. By pummeling persons under the Admiral's system, the Admiral fancied he could render the muscles and nerves of one less liable to be affected with rheumatism, and he is therefore attributable as regarding his life to three or four hundred years. He pummelled the sideboard with a degree of fervor as he would his own body,